

# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), AND
- ☒ A copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Foundation for Nuclear Studies (FNS)

Travel date(s): Wednesday, April 12 - Thursday, April 13, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$519.28	\$100.00	\$68.44	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Wednesday Night: Meetings provided overview history of the Vogtle project and ongoing issues surrounding the emergence of advanced reactor technologies in the nuclear market.

Thursday: Meetings and tour involved a learning first-hand about the Vogtle site, understanding how currently operating nuclear reactors work and learning about the construction project for the two nuclear reactors that are currently being built at Vogtle.

5/12/17 Benjamin Reinke (Date) (Printed name of traveler) (Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5-12-17 (Date) (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



**Wednesday, April 12th**

**SECRET**

**Meet in the hotel lobby for breakfast, check out and boarding the motor coach**

Depart for Plant Vogtle  
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant  
7821 River Rd  
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Arrive to Plant Vogtle Visitors Center for plant security briefing and exhibits /  
Tour prep and processing  
*Featuring: Mike McCracken; Joel Leopard, Vogtle Office of Communications; and Daniel Komm*

Plant tour of currently operating reactors 1&2 /  
Travel time to Training Center  
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**Tour of Plant Simulator for Vogtle 3&4 and training facilities**  
*Featuring: Travis Mays, Vogtle 3&4 Operations Training Staff*

Driving tour of the construction for Vogtle 3&4 Site  
Featuring: Mike McCracken; Joel Leopard; and Joe Klecha

**Lunch and Q&A session with Plant Vogtle staff**  
*Featuring: Mike McCracken; Joel Leopard; Joe Klecha; Daniel Kamm and Thomas Saunders, Construction Compliance Director*

Depart the plant for Airport

**Arrive at Augusta Regional Airport; process through Airport Security**

American Airlines flight 4218 departs for Charlotte, NC

Flight arrives at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, NC

American Airlines flight 1864 departs for Washington, DC

Flight arrives at National Airport in Washington, DC

## EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Benjamin T. Reinke

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Foundation for Nuclear Studies

Travel date(s): April 12-13, 2017

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Augusta, GA and Waynesboro, GA

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The purpose of the trip is to learn about and tour the under construction nuclear plant Vogtle. This falls under my issue areas of responsibility on the committee for oversight of nuclear energy and the nuclear fuel cycle.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

3/8/17  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Lisa Murkowski hereby authorize Benjamin Reinke  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

3-8-17  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



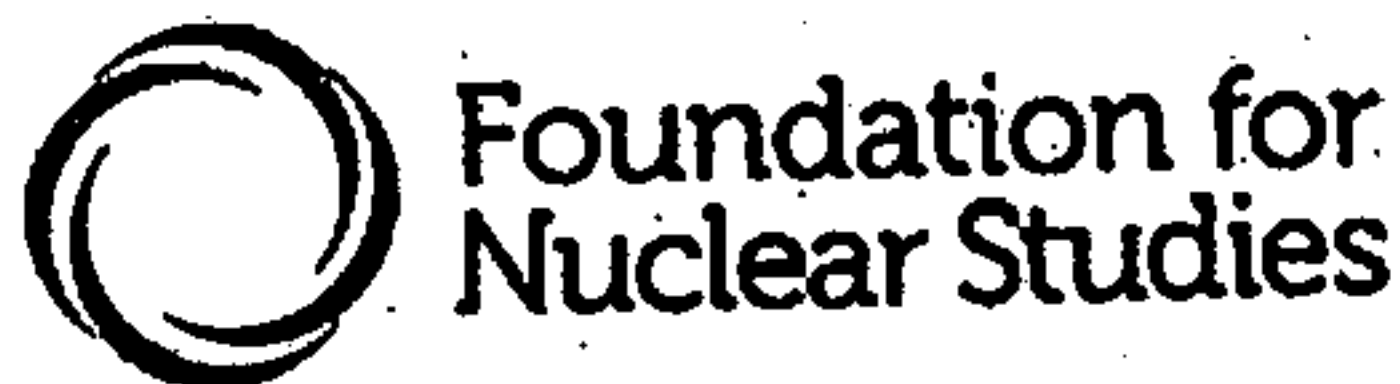
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**Benjamin –**

Note the Foundation for Nuclear Studies is consulting with the House and Senate Ethics Committees regarding this event to ensure that we are in compliance with the appropriate ethics laws, and will be covering any costs related to the trip, including airfare, hotel expenses and group meals. As you know, you will need to submit details of the trip to either the House or Senate Ethics office for prior approval. The deadline for both House and Senate Ethics is Thursday, March 9, 2017, and we will work with you to provide all relevant travel details prior to that date.

**Thanks again – and talk soon!**

**Charles Wadelington**  
**Foundation for Nuclear Studies**  
 233 Pennsylvania Ave SE -- 2nd Floor,  
 Washington, DC 20003  
 (202) 548-0021 (o) | (919) 602-4931 (m)



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**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

10:30 a.m. American Airlines flight 644 departs National Airport in Washington, DC for Charlotte, NC

12:02 p.m. Flight arrives Charlotte, NC

1:15 p.m. American Airlines flight 4218 departs for Augusta, GA

2:13 p.m. Flight arrives at Augusta Regional Airport in Augusta, GA  
Ground transport provided by Augusta Marriott

2:45 p.m. Arrive to hotel and check in  
Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center  
Two Tenth Street  
Augusta, GA 30901  
(706-722-8900)

3:00 p.m.-5:50 p.m. Slated hotel time for staffers

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Working Group dinner at Augustino's – Augusta Marriott  
*Featuring: Stephen Kuczynski, Southern Nuclear Chairman, President and CEO*

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

6:45 a.m. Hotel check out and depart for Plant Vogtle  
7821 River Rd, Waynesboro, GA 30830

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Arrival at Plant Vogtle Visitors Center for plant overview briefing and exhibits /  
Tour prep and processing

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Plant tour of currently operating reactors 1&2 /  
Travel time to Training Center

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tour of Plant Simulator for Vogtle 3&4 and training facilities

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Driving tour of the construction for Vogtle 3&4 Site

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12:30 p.m. Depart the plant for Airport

1:15 p.m. Arrive at Augusta Regional Airport; Process through Airport Security

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3:42 p.m. Flight arrives in Charlotte, NC

4:41 p.m. American Airlines flight 1864 departs for DCA

6:14 p.m. Flight arrives DCA

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## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Foundation for Nuclear Studies (FNS)
2. Description of the trip: Educational staff trip to Plant Vogtle
3. Dates of travel: Wednesday, April 12 - Thursday, April 13, 2017
4. Place of travel: Augusta and Waynesboro, GA
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attachment 1
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
  - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
  - ☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**OR**

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

**OR**

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

FNS is the sole sponsor and is planning, executing and financing all aspects of the trip.

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13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

See attachment 2.

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14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

The Foundation for Nuclear Studies has sponsored a variety of congressional trips including: tours of the Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant and Oak Ridge National Lab in Tennessee; Idaho National Lab in Idaho; and the Calvert Cliffs Power Plant in Maryland.

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

See attachment 3.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate  <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$520.00	\$100.00	\$69.00	N/A

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves events that are arranged and organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

See attachment 4.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Marriott at the Convention Center

Two Tenth Street, Augusta, GA 30901

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Cost, availability and proximity to dining location and tour.

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21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

See attachment 5.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach class travel on a commercial airplane and a motor coach to and from the site will be provided.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Name and Title: Helen Milby Executive Director

Name of Organization: Foundation for Nuclear Studies

Address: 233 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE -- 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20003

Telephone Number: 202-548-0021

Fax Number: 202-548-0089

E-mail Address: helen@helenmilby.com



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**Attachment 1 – Question 5:**

List of Invited Senate Staff that handle energy issues for their office/committee:

First	Last	Title	Senate Office/Committee
Tara	Billingsley	Energy LA	Office of Senator Maria Cantwell
Joe	Brown	Majority Research Assistant	Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Annie	Caputo	Senior Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Morgan	Cashwell	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Angus King
Sierra	Forbes Robinson	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Mike Crapo
Michael	Freeman	Energy LA	Office of Senator Mike Lee
Daniel	Hale	Energy LA	Office of Senator David Perdue
Laura	Haynes Gillam	Energy LA	Office of Senator Tom Carper
Brett	Layson	Energy LA	Office of Senator Johnny Isakson
Jennifer	Loraine	Senior Energy Advisor	Office of Senator Cory Gardner
Scott	McKee	Democratic Professional Staff	Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Paul	McKernan	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Lamar Alexander
Justin	Memmott	Energy LA	Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
Brianne	Miller	Senior Professional Staff Member and Energy Policy Advisor	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Romel	Nicholas	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Senator Orrin Hatch
Ali	Nouri	Energy LA	Office of Senator Al Franken
Benjamin	Reinke	Professional Staff	Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Rory	Stanley	Legislative Aide	Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Melanie	Steele	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator James Risch
Ada	Waelder	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Senator Maria Cantwell
Jennie	Wright	Legislative Counsel	Office of Senator Jim Inhofe



## **Attachment 2 – Question 13:**

The Foundation for Nuclear Studies, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides information and educational opportunities for policymakers and the general public about nuclear science and technology, with the objective of promoting sound national policy.

In an effort to expand our programming, the Foundation is embarking on this trip as part of our ongoing educational site tour series, which will provide congressional staff with firsthand knowledge of working nuclear plants and research facilities. Through our briefing series on the 2011 events in Japan, the Foundation discovered that even staffers with a background in nuclear fields lack firsthand experience with nuclear plants and demonstrated a strong interest in being able to tour a facility.

This trip should provide those staffers with relevant experience to make better informed policy decisions as they perform their various roles on Capitol Hill.

## **Attachment 3 – Question 15:**

In pursuit of its mission to provide information and educational opportunities for policymakers and the general public about nuclear science and technology, the Foundation sponsors a highly regarded Congressional Briefing Series with forums on a broad spectrum of issues related to nuclear technology, ranging from medical isotopes to the transportation of nuclear materials. The events attract high-quality speakers and seek to provide a balanced presentation of differing perspectives.

## **Attachment 4 – Question 18**

The Foundation selected Waynesboro, GA because it is the site location for Plant Vogtle. The site hosts two operating nuclear reactor units, and is currently constructing two new planned reactor units, which have received operating licensing approvals from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Additionally, Plant Vogtle is home to a new plant training simulator room. The reason for traveling to Augusta, GA is due to the city having the closest airport.

## **Attachment 5 – Question 21**

The Foundation has secured a group rate for the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center of \$100 (before taxes) for the night of Wednesday, April 12. This rate is on par with the \$100 government per diem rate for Augusta, GA in April.

We chose the hotel due to its relative affordability, proximity to the airport, dining location and our destination in Waynesboro, GA. The proximity factor played a key role in our decision as we will be hosting our Wednesday night working dinner with Southern Nuclear Chairman, President and CEO, Stephen Kuczynski in the restaurant that is located in the hotel. We found that many restaurants in Augusta could not provide either the appropriate meal rate or large enough room to accommodate our group's working dinner. Additionally, the hotel will be able to provide a shuttle from the airport for our group and the hotel's café will be able to provide a boxed breakfast for our group in the morning. All of these considerations will cut down on additional travel costs.

Therefore, given the discount and the other considerations listed above, we felt that this hotel would provide us with the best rate and would enable us to stick to our itinerary. As a result we entered into a contract with them.